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Tuesdays & Fridays, 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.

HHW Collection Site Open Twice/Week

San Marcos and Hays County residents may now dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) on Tuesdays and Fridays at the City of San Marcos Traffic Yard, 630 E. Hopkins.

The City of San Marcos has contracted with Green Guy Recycling, Inc. for two part-time people to operate the HHW collection facility and free re-use store on Tuesdays and Fridays. Funds to pay for the staff were obtained through a grant from the Capital Area Council of Governments.

The facility is open to the public from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. The public may enter the Traffic Yard from Hopkins Street across from HEB.

“Having our HHW facility staffed twice a week will make it more convenient for residents from San Marcos and Hays County to properly dispose of hazardous materials they have around their homes,” said Laurie Moyer, Interim City Manager. “It is important to keep such materials out of landfills, wastewater treatment systems and the environment.”

Items that will be accepted include: A maximum of 10-5 gallon buckets, drain cleaners, concentrates, degreasers, oven cleaners, solvents, polishers, pool chemicals, household batteries, latex and oil based paints, spray paints, thinners, strippers, preservatives, brush cleaners, pesticides, sprays/dusts, weed killers, rat poisons, insecticides, antifreeze, batteries, motor oil and oil filters, brake fluids, transmission fluid, compact fluorescent bulbs and fluorescent light bulbs.

Items that will not be accepted include: More than 10-5 gallon buckets, tires, medical wastes, containers larger than 5 gallons, empty containers, compressed gas cylinders, pharmaceuticals or waste generated by businesses.

The program will also have a limited amount of materials good for reuse available free to the public. Products in good condition such as latex and oil based paint, caulk, insect spray, fertilizer and cleaners will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

The City of San Marcos has sponsored HHW drive-through collections once each quarter since 2006. The number of residents served during the first three years grew from 406 to 1,023, an increase of 251%. The total pounds of household hazardous waste collected increased from 49,692 pounds in 2006 to 105,577 pounds in 2009.

The next drive-through HHW collection will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon for drop off and re-use.

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